

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., d/b/a IOWA TELECOM, SUCCESSOR TO GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED, AND PATHNET, INC.	DOCKET NO. NIA-00-46
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ORDER APPROVING NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

(Issued September 29, 2000)

On August 22, 2000, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, successor to GTE Midwest Incorporated, and Pathnet, Inc., filed a negotiated interconnection agreement for review by the Utilities Board (Board) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). The proceeding was identified as Docket No. NIA-00-46. On August 25, 2000, the Board issued an order which gave notice to any interested party of an opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing, pursuant to 199 IAC 38.7(4). No comments were filed.

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Board may reject a negotiated interconnection agreement if it finds either (1) the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or (2) the implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

Based upon the record made in this docket, the filed agreement does not discriminate against any other carrier and is not inconsistent with the public interest and will be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The negotiated interconnection agreement filed on August 22, 2000, by Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, successor to GTE Midwest Incorporated, and Pathnet, Inc., is approved to be effective upon issuance of this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 29th day of September, 2000.